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RUSSIA HAS NOTE.

Japan's Reply Delivered to the Foreign  
Office at St. Petersburg.

(Associated Press)

London, Jan. 15.—The Japanese minister, Baron Hayashi, had received no indications this morning of the probable attitude of Russia, but he said to a reporter of the Associated Press: "It is practically certain that any declaration of war will not emanate from Russia."

The minister is not very hopeful of the result of the latest Japanese note, but he specifically denies that Japan's reply suggests the neutralization of a portion of Manchuria as well as a portion of Korea or that mention was made of the right to break off negotiations.

"Our conditions," said the minister, "are practically summed up in the announcement by the state department of the United States regarding the China-American treaty. For these principles, for which Secretary Hay says the United States is committed, we are willing to go to war unless Russia will consent to give us a definite pledge that she too adheres to the open door and Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria."

Baron Hayashi to-night, commenting on the Associated Press dispatch from St. Petersburg quoting the peaceful statement made by the Czar to members of the diplomatic corps yesterday, said: "I have read with pleasure the statement attributed to the Czar. If these are His Majesty's views there will be no war. The question rests with him. Japan has nothing further to say."

Might Check War Party.

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were all right."

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capped."

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him as far as the guard when someone  
grasped his leg. I couldn't pull in the  
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ond boat in the sea and saw it also turn  
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### ELECTORATE SELECTS ITS REPRESENTATIVES

**Big Vote Polls for Mayoralty Candidates—Close Contests in Some Instances.**

The people have decided the composition of the council and trustee boards for the year 1904. Yesterday they elected a new mayor and introduced in the aldermanic semi-circle several new faces, and two in the group to whom is entrusted the government of the city schools. Despite all expectation to the contrary, due to the Clallam disaster overshadowing every other consideration, a large vote was polled. This was especially true in the number cast for the mayoralty which was only forty-five less than last year's aggregate. In the contest which was terminated at 7:30 o'clock last night the two candidates for the chief magistrate's chalice had polled up a total of 2,978 votes. At last year's election for mayor the total was 3,023. Ald. Barnard achieved a signal victory over his opponent of the polls yesterday. His majority was seven hundred, considerably in excess of his general prediction. During the progress of the count there was very little excitement, if any. In the end, the electors were fortunately sufficiently interested to cast their ballots, but anything beyond the most casual concern was not manifested. The count of the mayoralty votes differed conspicuously from that of last year, because Ald. Barnard jumped into the lead from the start, and put between himself and his opponent a margin that all saw could not be overtaken.

The electors of North Ward have substituted J. L. Beckwith for Ald. Dinsdale. The alderman-elect is no tyro, having represented this constituency for several terms. The third successful candidate is this ward, Ald. Kinsman, had a narrow fight with W. F. Fullerton, defeating him by five votes. In Central Ward J. P. Elford is the new man, while in South Ward, Thornton Feij and B. S. Oddy have taken the places rendered vacant by Ald. Cameron's retirement and Ald. Barnard's elevation to the mayoralty.

There are two new school trustees, R. Mowat and E. A. Lewis being returned.

After the returns were disclosed brief addresses were delivered by the mayoralty candidate. Ald. Barnard expressed his appreciation of the high honor which had been conferred upon him. He assured the public that he would direct his best efforts to advancing the interests of the city. He thanked the returning officer and deputes for the efficient manner in which the election had been conducted. He further desired to say that no man could have a more courteous opponent than Mr. Reffert had been, and he felt certain that had the latter been returned the city would be in safe hands.

Mr. Reffert said he had been beaten in a fair contest, and congratulated Mr. Barnard on his courteous conduct of the campaign. Defeat by an upright man removed from it much of the sting. The city would have an excellent mayor for the year 1904, and from what he knew of the results there would be a good council. He wished Ald. Barnard and aldermen a successful year. In conclusion he complimented the returning officer on the able way in which he had conducted the election, and he thanked all who had cast their ballots for him.

Mr. Northwest fittingly acknowledged the compliments of the candidates.Cheers for the candidates and returning officer were then given with vigor.

It was not until early in the morning that some of the counts were completed. A recount of the South Ward votes increased Mr. Oddy's lead over Mr. Dongas by one vote. The recount for North

### MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Dr. McGiligan Elected Mayor of Vancouver—Tina Namomo Contest.

Vancouver, Jan. 14.—In the mayoralty contest today Dr. McGiligan was elected by 182 of a plurality. The figures were: McGiligan, 1,198 votes; McQuaid, 956; Banfield, 411. Aldermen were elected as follows: Ward 1, Garrett and Grant; Ward 2, Cook and Stewart; Ward 3, Wilson and Oulton; Ward 4, Barker and MacPherson; Ward 5, Morris and Brydine; Jack; Ward 6, Taylor and Richardson.

Tina Namomo and Cumberland.

Namomo, Jan. 15.—The municipal election here yesterday passed off without incident. Only a small vote was polled. Namomo's majority over Plata, was 132. The aldermen elected are: South Ward, Graham, Stewart and Wilson; Middle Ward, Barnes, Harris and Mardon; North Ward, Barlow, Hodgson and Nicholson.

At Cumberland, the mayor and aldermen were returned by acclamation, with the exception of South Ward, in which Messrs. Grant and Willard were returned.

Rossland's Mayor.

Rossland, Jan. 14.—J. S. Clute was elected mayor by a majority of 26. The defeated candidates are Thomas, Hueme, who lost by 26, and Mayor John Deane, who is defeated by 104. The aldermen elected are: R. W. Holt, Peter R. McDonald, Thomas Stout, W. H. Preston, Isaac A. Petach and John Martin, School trustees—Dr. Kerr and Hiram Perry, McGiligan, who is elected by acclamation. The mayor elected is a native born Belchak Columbian, who has resided in Rossland eight years. He was a member of the council five years and mayor in 1902.

At Nelson.

Nelson, Jan. 14.—J. Hamilton was elected mayor to-day by a majority of 99.

Greenwood Council.

Greenwood, Jan. 14.—Mayor, George R. Naden; Aldermen, by acclamation, Kenneth MacKenzie, H. Bunting, J. J. Canfield, F. H. Parker, J. H. McNeil, Duncan Ross, School trustees, R. S. Smiles, S. M. Johnson and C. J. McArthur.

Kaslo Contest.

Kaslo, Jan. 14.—Mayor, W. E. Hodder, by acclamation; Aldermen, Gilbert Martin, Henry Giegerich, Angus Campbell, W. V. Papworth, Andrew Jardine, J. W. Powers.

No Opposition.

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BECKWITH ..... 553  
KINSMAN ..... 513  
Fullerton ..... 505  
Dinndale ..... 505  
Williams ..... 504  
Brage ..... 504  
Finlayson ..... 504  
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SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

MOWAT ..... 1,788  
MRS. JENKINS ..... 1,589  
ROOGES ..... 1,452  
LEWIS ..... 1,130  
Ridder ..... 844  
McKay ..... 844  
Ersline ..... 643  
Sprague ..... 623  
Eden ..... 227  
Thirty-two spoiled ballots.

An Association football game has been arranged to take place to-morrow between the Columbia team and an eleven picked from the crew of H. M. S. Grafton. The match will commence at 3 o'clock and will be played at the Canteen grounds.

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There will be no intermediate league Association match to-morrow between the Victoria West and Capital elevens. It is understood that the league has the matter in hand of arranging dates for the remaining games in the contest for supremacy between these two teams.

A practice Rugby match will be played to-morrow afternoon at the Caledonia grounds between Victoria and a Navy fifteen.

A senior Rugby game will be played to-morrow afternoon between the Vancouver and Nanaimo fifteen at the Terminal City. The result of this match will be awaited by Victorians with interest.

A Victoria Hockey team leaves this evening for Vancouver to play a league match with the Terminal City eleven. The local team follows: Goal, Fletcher; full backs, McLean and Gillespie; half backs, W. York, B. Tyre and Winsby; forwards, J. York, Gillespie, K. Scholefield, Schwenges and Hart.

The regular run of the Victoria Hunt Club will be 14 to-morrow afternoon.

A basketball match will be played to-morrow night between the Victoria West and Fernwood teams. Play will commence at 9:30 o'clock, the game taking place in the second part of the regular weekly regimental band concert at the drill hall. The teams follow: Victoria West—Guards, Monmouth and Crocker; centre, Baker; forwards, W. Farall and G. Faratt; reserve, F. Willard. Fernwood—Guards, Shortholt and Jones; centre, W. Peden; forwards, Malcolm and Gathie; reserve, R. Dahlby.

An intermediate league basketball match was played last evening between the Y. M. C. A. and J. B. A. teams at the James Bay Athletic Association hall. The result was a victory for the latter aggregation by a score of 19 points to 9. In the first half the game was very closely contested, and playing was fast on both sides. When the whistle blew the score was 7 all. During the second part of the match the J. B. A. team did much better and won out easily by the score mentioned.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

### ELECTION STATUTE UNDERGOING REVISION

#### Proposal to Extend the Franchise to Women Meets Defeat—Government House Contract.

Victoria, Jan. 14.—In the legislature this afternoon an unexpected debate arose in connection with the motion of J. D. McNiven for a production of the report of the board of arbitration on the Government House contract. The Chief Commissioner assured the House that in consequence of serious charges laid against the architect an investigation would follow.

The question of female suffrage was against discussed in connection with the next Elections Bill, the proposal being defeated. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in discussing the Elections Act in committee.

Prayers were read by Rev. S. S. Osterhout.

#### Petition.

A petition from L. M. Proctor and others, asking amendments to the Steam Boilers Inspection Act, was received.

Dr. King presented a similar petition from H. Cameron and others, which was received.

#### New Bills.

The following bills were introduced, read a first time and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow:

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By Hon. C. Wilson: A bill intituled "An Act to amend the 'Bills of Sale Act'."

Government House Contract.

J. D. McNiven moved, seconded by W. G. Cameron: "That an order of the House be granted for copies of all papers

and correspondence referring to the appointment of a board of arbitration re: Government House contract, with instructions given to such board of arbitration; also copy of detailed claim of contractor; the reports of the architect and building inspector thereon; also the report and findings of the board of arbitration; the cost of the arbitration to the government and the amount paid, or to be paid, to the individual arbitrators and the total amount claimed by them?"

Hon. R. F. Green said the government had no desire to withhold information. There was one portion of the report which reflected upon the architect. The latter had no chance to answer the charges contained. Until an investigation, which he was now preparing to have done, had been made, he thought it unwise to put it before the public.

W. C. Wells wanted to know if Mr. Rattenbury had had no opportunity to defend himself before the board of inquiry. He did not see how it would be possible to reopen the inquiry if this was a fact.

Hon. Mr. Green said that Mr. Rattenbury held that he had had no chance to defend himself before the board. He did not understand that he was on trial, and it was thought right that he should have a chance to defend himself.

Mr. McNiven wanted to know if the Minister wished them to understand that the report had been returned to the board to be amended.

Hon. Mr. Green said it had not been handed back for amendment. This part of the report referred to was outside the question submitted to the board.

Mr. McNiven thought that when a board had sat for six or seven weeks and fully gone into the matter, that the House was entitled to have the report. He therefore did not feel like withdrawing any part of his motion. Mr. Rattenbury, he understood, was represented before the board.

F. Carter Cotton thought the matter was misunderstood. The board had gone outside their duty and cast reflections upon the architect. The government, he understood, was willing to investigate this matter.

Hon. Mr. Green said that the only part of the report which he did not care to make public was that which explained why they had been so long on their job and they made rather serious charges against the architect.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite asked who the arbitrators were? Were the architects also?

Hon. Mr. Green said they were.

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The present management of the Times was not aware that a fifteen years limitation had been placed to the life of the Company. In fact, it will be more correct to say that the question of a limitation of any kind was never thought of at all. The Company has gone on doing business at the old stand, in the old way, and with the old name, utterly oblivious of the fact that it had officially died many months ago. It was by the merest chance that we discovered, when reading a few weeks ago the advertisement in respect to the application for incorporation in 1885, that a fifteen years' life had been given to the Company; and that, therefore, although a very live institution, the Times Company was nominally a very dead concern.

The predicament would have been a little awkward if the Times had had many creditors, or even one creditor for any considerable sum; that is, it might have been awkward for the creditors. But the Times Company has no creditors, and the fact that it had died by effusion of time has not caused the slightest perturbation in the mind of any person. And were it not that we desire to satisfy the natural curiosity of our many friends and at the same time close the mouths of the rumor-mongers, this explanation would not have been necessary.

To place the business again in the hands of an incorporated company, the liquidation of the affairs of the old company became necessary. There was no other way out of it. The Times Company had to die to live again. Application was at once made to the Supreme Court Justice; all the facts were stated by affidavit and an order was promptly made appointing Senator Templeman liquidator. As quickly as time will permit the dead Company's affairs will be wound up, and a new Company, bearing the old name, with larger capital, more extensive powers, and a longer lease of life, will be created.

That is the sole and only reason for the liquidation of the business of this establishment. We would have preferred that the situation had not arisen, because it gives the tale-bearer and the mischief-maker an opportunity to talk, and if they care to do so to put a wrong construction on the proceedings now being taken by the liquidator; but for other reasons we are rather pleased that a reorganization is going to be effected which will be stronger and more enduring than the old.

The above are all the facts. The Times was never so strong as a newspaper, or so independent politically or financially, as it is to-day. We say this for the benefit of maliciously-minded people who may be looking for a wrong explanation of the winding-up proceedings. To those who knew anything of the Times' affairs, no explanation was necessary.

## MAYOR AND ALDERMEN.

There can be no appeal against a decision of the people. It has been decided that Mr. Barnard shall take the helm of the municipal ship for the year 1904, and it but remains for us to congratulate the Mayor-elect upon his decisive victory and to express the general hope and our sincere conviction that the head of the corporation he will put come short of the anticipations of the ratepayers.

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The present year promises to be one of the most important in the history of the city. The works in progress are of considerable magnitude. There is much in contemplation that should call for capacity for initiative and execution on the part of the Mayor and council. Some candidates for aldermen who would undoubtedly have made energetic representatives have been defeated. But on the whole the representation at the Council Board appears to be fully up to the average. We shall be able to judge them by their works at the end of the year. All we can do at present is hope that they may in their public capacities live up to the reputations they have gained as private citizens. The business atmosphere in Canada at the present time tends to encourage a spirit of optimism. We hope at the end of the year it may be found that the new Mayor and aldermen have justified in their acts the anticipations of to-day and that their term of office may prove the most active in the history of the city they serve.

## THE SCHOOL BOARD.

The average alderman regards the average school trustee as an irresponsible autocrat. The school board announces in a lordly way which will not admit of dispute that it will require a certain sum of money for the year. The alderman board cannot say nay. It may remonstrate, and when it has done that it has shot its bolt. If the municipal funds run short, the aldermen must submit to the judgment of the ratepayers. The school trustee goes on forever once he or she gets a seat. As some defeated candidates will testify, it is quite a job to break into the ring, however. That is the aspect in which the situation presents itself to the average ratepayer. We doubt very much whether the average ratepayer does not wish it to remain so. It is my intention to organize a life saving club in this city. Its object will be to acquire through public and private subscription, donations, entertainments and monthly dues a lifeboat and life saving apparatus. Boat to be manned by volunteers from the club. This is to be entirely independent of any other life saving station undertaken by the government or steamboat companies. Its reward will be the knowledge that it through its efforts one single life is saved it is highly paid indeed. In this undertaking I need the assistance of a great many, and before organizing I shall ask all those interested in my plans to send in their names to my address, 52 Fort Street.

This undertaking is fairly looked upon by the citizens of Victoria, we shall at once elect proper officers and discuss with experts the best possible boat and apparatus to acquire.

PAUL BEYGRAU.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 15th, 1904.

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This demand—quite reasonable and will probably be acceded to by the Vancouver citizens. The Eastern agent will then be prevented from undercutting the prices of the Vancouver wholesale houses, the prices of the Vancouver wholesale houses will go up, and the incidence of the tax will be shifted gently but firmly from the wholesaler through the retailer, to the consuming public.

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The alliance between the Conservatives and the Socialists seems to be complete. Part of the agreement probably is that this name Socialist must appear hyphenated with the name Conservative in all references to the combination or its work, and we assume, the Conservatives being in the majority, their name will have precedence. It will be proper, therefore, to speak of the present government party as the Conservative-Socialist party. The Socialists will not take exception to being considered the tail that wags the duck, and therefore they should come last.

## NOTHING IN IT.

To the Editor:—Would you kindly insert a denial to a rumor that I have been paid a large amount of money to vacate my late premises, the Pritchard House, which I have occupied six years. A few days' grace to enable me to remove fixtures, etc., to 94 Yates street, was all the consideration I received from the Imperial Bank.

HARRY T. COLE.

Victoria, 15th January, 1904.

## LIFE SAVING STATION.

To the Editor:—The sad and fatal disaster which befell the S. S. Clunian last Friday, and the apparent lack of assistance and life saving apparatus on hand in case of another wreck upon our coast, prompts me to write these lines and beg you to give them space in your valuable paper.

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—J. D. Harris, storehouseman at the naval yard, has been promoted, and has been appointed to take charge of the storehouse at Bermuda.

—The Victoria Ladies' Choral Society will hold a meeting to-morrow in Wait's hall for the purpose of electing officers and transacting other business.

—Word was received yesterday by W. A. Rummells, of the audit office, provincial government buildings, of the death of his mother at Port Hope, Ont., after a protracted illness.

—The announcement is made by Manager Ricketts, of the Vancouver opera house, that Madame Adeline Patti's agent has cancelled her engagement at the Terminal City to-morrow.

—The old reliable Mutual Life of Canada offers the best policy at the lowest premium rates. It will pay you to see our rates and plans before insuring elsewhere. Apply to R. L. Drury, provincial manager, 34 Broad street.

—There will be a concert in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Monday evening in aid of the funds of that association, under the direction of A. Longfield, of the Victoria College of Music. Mr. Longfield will have the assistance of some of the leading vocalists and solo instrumentalists of the city, and also the Wallace orchestra of 10 pieces.

—The Refuge Home acknowledges with thanks donations from the following for December: Mrs. J. McGregor, Mrs. Merton, Mrs. D. Spencer, Mrs. C. Spencer, Mrs. Shakespeare, Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Miss Perrin, Miss Munroe, Mrs. Lester, Miss Ward, Mrs. W. J. Pendry, Mrs. G. Grant, Mrs. W. Grant, Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Snyder.

—The D. D. G. M. Bro. Jas. Wilby, assisted by grand lodge officers, installed the following officers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4: L. O. O. F., last evening: N. G. Bro. H. Sansom; V. G. T. W. Hawkins; R. and F. S. Thos. Bamford; treasurer, P. A. Babington; warden, J. C. E. Stephens; conductor, J. A. Dresser; R. S. N. G. Jas. Bell; L. S. N. G. A. A. Milligan; O. G. W. Huxtable; chaplain, Rev. E. G. Miller.

—Following are the officers of the Victoria Farmers' Institute for the ensuing year: President, G. Deans; vice-president, W. F. Loveland; secretary-treasurer, Chas. E. King; directors, Messrs. J. Shapland, A. Gale, J. Erskine, A. G. Sneling, J. Nicholson, J. Pim, H. T. Tanner, M. P. P., H. T. Oldfield, S. J. Jackson and W. Head; auditors, Messrs. J. R. Carmichael and T. A. Brydon; delegate to central institute, Mr. Deans. The institute will give a social and dance at Saanichton early in February.

—The following officers of Columbia Lodge, L. O. O. F., were installed at their last meeting by James Wilby, D. D. G. M., assisted by a staff of grand officers: J. H. Collins, N. G.; M. Guttman, V. G.; R. W. Fawcett, recording secretary; Wm. Jackson, financial secretary; H. A. Porter, treasurer; J. H. Meldrum, warden; Robt. Marwick, conductor; C. R. Bishop, R. S. N. G.; J. J. Cottle, L. S. N. G.; A. P. McConnell, R. S. V. G.; F. Rose, L. S. V. G.; C. A. McGregor, R. S. S.; W. Skilen, L. S. S.; W. Somerville, L. G.; W. H. Huxtable, O. G.; Dr. E. E. Hart, lodge physician.

—The board of trade will hold its regular quarterly meeting this evening, when among the business will be the report of the special committee on amendments to the Bills of Sale Act. Dr. Milne will also present a resolution regarding a railroad to the north end of the Island. The following motion on the Assessment Act will also come up: "That this board considers that the provisions adopted or confirmed in the present Assessment Act will tend to baneful trade, this board considers that the endeavor should be not to tax more than a firm's net worth and net profits or gains, and that the present Assessment Act goes beyond this in not permitting the deduction of liabilities from the gross value of stocks of merchandise, debts, etc., and in other respects."

—DRILL HALL CONCERT.

Victoria West and Fernwood Teams to Play Basketball To-Morrow Night.

—Bandmaster Flinn has arranged for another strong attraction for to-morrow evening's promenade concert at the drill hall, where the fourth game of the senior league series of basketball will be played.

The contesting teams will be the Victoria West and Fernwoods. This will be the first time these clubs have met this season, and those who are to judge predict an unusually fast game. The musical numbers to be rendered by the regimental band have been carefully selected and include many pleasing numbers. The game will start at 9:30 o'clock and will be played in part second of the programme, which follows:

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Overture to Stradella ..... Flotow  
Mexican Dance—Maria ..... Davina  
Paraphrase—Lorelei ..... Nasuada  
Selection from Princess Chic ..... Herbert

PART II.

Basketball—Victoria West vs. Fernwood  
A Novelty—Sunburst ..... Gilder  
Basketball—Second Half ..... Chambers  
March—Chicago Tribune ..... Chambers  
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The agreement with his mother in 1890 included the San Francisco property. He admitted having told Mr. Pooley before this agreement was executed that Alexander and he owned the stock in the San Francisco business.

—Counsel then asked why the agreement by which he and Alexander purchased his mother's interests specifically mentioned the San Francisco business. Witness insisted that the stock was in their name.

—When witness was in Frisco in May, 1900, he gave instructions increasing the price of coal. Witness did not furnish statements to Wilson & Wilson when the question of profits was discussed. He told them nothing about the increase in price. This increase wiped out a certain extent of the profits of the R. Dunsmuir Sons.

—Sir Hilbert Tupper applied for permission to cross-examine the witness until to-morrow (to-day).

—Sir Hilbert Tupper applied for permission to cross-examine the witness after Mr. Duff had finished, and urged an authority. Mr. Davis held that the authority quoted by Sir Hilbert really disapproved his contention. The issue in Hooper vs. Dunsmuir and the intervening plaintiff's proceeding was the same, the question of the validity of Alexander Dunsmuir's will. For that reason he contend that Sir Hilbert was not entitled to cross-examine the witness if other counsel did so. His Lordship said he would give his decision on the matter to-morrow (to-day).

—When proceedings were resumed this morning His Lordship ruled that Sir Hilbert Tupper was entitled to cross-examine Mr. Dunsmuir after Mr. Duff was finished.

—The cross-examination by Mr. Duff was then continued. Witness said that on the death of his brother the whole of the property, mines, railroad, Victoria holdings became his mother's, Alexander and witness had been partners of their father in the San Francisco business.

—Witness said that in 1890 when his father died, and 1896 when the Frisco firm of R. Dunsmuir & Sons was incorporated, his mother received profits. Alexander received no salary for managing the business. He took what he wanted. His mother understood the agreement entered into her in 1890 when the R. Dunsmuir Sons Company was incorporated, by which she was to receive her stock if either himself or Alexander predeceased her. Witness had no salary, no arrangement regarding the profits, but took what he required. In 1899 Alexander and witness purchased their mother's interest in the business for \$40,000, giving a mortgage on the various properties.

—After his father's death witness was president of the Union Colliery Company and vice-president of the E. & N. Railroad Company. His brother was president of the railway company and treasurer of the Union Colliery Company. The former got \$500 a month in the E. & N., and witness a like amount in the Union Colliery Company. The profits from 1889 to 1896 were unaccompanied by statements. They were sent by cheque and placed at the disposal of R. Dunsmuir & Sons.

—Witness would inform his mother, but gave her no monthly statements. The R. Dunsmuir & Sons bank account was entirely in witness's control. Witness learned from the constant that his mother received three million dollars since 1889. His mother received assessments from the Union Colliery and E. & N. railway for what his father had advanced during his lifetime for supplies, etc. He didn't know how much the railway company owed for this at the time of his father's death. It may have amounted to a million dollars when his mother assigned her stock to witness and his brother. The interest purchased from his mother included the debts due to R. Dunsmuir & Sons from the railway company and Union Colliery Company. His mother received interest on the E. & N. indebtedness, but none of the principal. The latter was held by witness and his brother when his mother turned over her stock. The same applied to the Union Colliery Company's indebtedness.

—After the incorporation of the San Francisco firm witness received a share of the profits. Witness was not anxious for the execution of the agreement of 1899 until a certain thing happened.

—The date of Alexander's marriage with Mrs. Wallace was not dependent upon this settlement with his brother.

—Alexander did not marry Mrs. Wallace sooner than he did for fear of exciting his mother's displeasure. Witness visited Alexander and Mrs. Wallace at San Leandro, and the Grand hotel in



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CONGESTION OF  
LEGAL BUSINESSCOUNTY COURT HAS TO  
BE AGAIN ADJOURNEDAccumulation of List Necessitates the  
Calling in of a County Court  
Judge.

At 11 o'clock, yesterday morning, the time fixed for the monthly sitting of the County court, Mr. Justice Martin took his seat on the bench and stated that he very much regretted to say that none of the cases on the list could be taken up, and that the sittings would have to be adjourned until next month.

In giving the reasons for the adjournment, His Lordship said that he had been requested by his brother Supreme court judges to announce that on account of the steady accumulation of arrears in the Supreme court business, which already occupied the whole time of the judges, their Lordships would be unable, in justice to those litigants whose cases still remain undisposed of in the Supreme court—the existing arrears must be disposed of first to prevent further congestion. The learned judge went on to state that he could give no assurance as to when the County court would sit as the Full court, after sitting on Wednesday specially to hear argument in four urgent appeals, which were now standing for judgment, had adjourned without completing its list of cases; that one judge had now been engaged on the trial of Hopper vs. Dunsmuir for over a month, and that the taking of evidence in that case would in all probability not be finished for ten days yet, the consequence being that because of the present vacancy on the bench only three judges were available for the ordinary work of the court; that he himself had had no time even to prepare judgments standing over from Full court in Vancouver last November, and that as an illustration of the arrears of work ahead of him he had eleven judgments to prepare in important and urgent cases, which would fully occupy his time for at least a month; that the Admiralty court was to sit next week, and that the regular civil sittings were approaching in Victoria, Vancouver, Rossland, and other places, and among the cases for trial would be the Crow's Nest Coal Company accident cases, which alone would probably take one month, as at present advised by counsel. It was much to be regretted that as the statutes now stood the Supreme court judges had no power to temporarily relieve the local situation by calling on one of the County court judges to take the regular County court work in Victoria, as they did elsewhere, and so prevent a further block in the regular business of that court; the statutes do provide that a County judge may call to his assistance another County judge, but fail to give like power to a Supreme court judge. To temporarily meet the present situation the Supreme court judges on Wednesday sent a communication to the Attorney-General requesting that the act should be amended, but until that was done it was impossible for the judges to do more, the matter being one solely for the legislature to remedy. The situation, His Lordship said, had given the judges much concern, but all that could now be done was to formally adjourn the court till next month, which was done.

It will be remembered that after holding court for some days in December the Chief Justice, before completing the list, had, on account of other work, to adjourn the sitting until this month, and yesterday morning's court list contained besides the new cases those left over from last sitting.

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Rev. T. W. Winfield, pastor of Meiville Presbyterian church, Westmount, Montreal, whose name figured recently in connection with the strike of the choir of that church, because he declined to apologize for having charged the choir with eating candy during prayer, has resigned because of the continued ill-health of his wife.

Jene Cain, a trapper, living six miles north of the village of Little Forks, Minn., has been killed by wolves. His body was completely destroyed. His jawbone and a part of his clothing were found near the spot. Cain lived alone, and it is supposed he was looking after his traps when set upon by the pack.

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Notices of Motion.

On Monday next, Hon. Mr. Wilson  
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tituled "An Act to amend the 'Health  
Act'."

On Monday next, Hon. Mr. McBride  
will ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "An  
Act to amend the 'Public Schools Act'."

On Monday next, Mr. Oliver will ask  
leave to introduce a bill intituled "An  
Act to amend the 'Police Act'."

On Monday next, Mr. Cameron will  
ask leave to introduce a bill intituled  
"The Society for the Prevention of  
Cruelty to Animals Incorporation Act  
Amendment Act, 1904."

On Monday next, Mr. Cameron will  
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"The Municipal Elections Act Amendment  
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Lot B. 47 Men's Extra Heavy Weight Navy Blue Diagonal Serge Suits, double and single-breasted, square cut. Regular price, \$15. Fire sale price, \$7.50.

Lot C. 33 Men's Clay Worsted Suits, Blue and Black, Satin Lined, Tailor Made. Regular price, \$22.50. Fire sale price, \$10.45.

Lot D. Men's Fancy Worsted and Tweed Suits, Square and Round Cut, worth \$10 to \$12.50. Fire sale price, \$5.00.

Remember the store must be vacated for repairs, so stock must be sold.

FIRE SALE

## Shoe Bargains

210 Pair Men's Satin Calf Bals, worth \$4.50. Fire sale price, \$2.40.

304 Pair Men's Buff Bals, screwed bottom, worth \$2. Fire sale price, \$1.25.

198 Pair Men's Flesh Calf Bals, worth \$3. Fire sale price, \$1.00.

200 Pair Men's Working Boots. Fire sale price, 90 cents a pair.

500 Pair Men's Odd Lines, worth from \$3 to \$5.50 a pair, all going at fire sale price, \$2.15 a pair.

400 Pair Boys' Flesh Calf Bals, standard screw bottoms, sizes 1 to 5, worth \$1.75. Fire sale price, \$1 a pair.

200 Pair Youths', same style, 11 to 13. Fire sale price, 90 cents a pair.

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## Overcoat Bargains

Lot A. Men's Blue Beaver Coats, nice quality, velvet collar, worth \$10. Fire sale price, \$4.25.

Lot B. Men's Fine Quality English Beaver, Blue and Oxford Grey, Velvet Collar, worth \$18. Fire sale price, \$8.85.

Lot C. Men's Fawn Colored English Whippcord Overcoats, Plaid Back Linings, specially well made, worth \$25. Fire sale price, \$11.95.

Men's Pea Jackets, 10 only, Dark Blue and Oxford Grey, well lined with Flannel and Italian Cloth, worth \$6.50. Fire sale price, \$2.90.

You will never get such a chance again.

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## Hats and Caps Department

Men's Stylish Fedoras and Derby's, Fire sale price, \$3.

Men's Stylish Fedoras and Derby's, worth \$3.50. Cut in half, \$1.75.

All of the \$2.50 Hats at \$1.25 each while they last.

An odd lot of Stiff Hats at 50 cents each.

Boys' Navy Twilled Flannel Caps, 5 cents.

Men's Navy and Tweed Caps at 15 cents.

Boys' Navy Serge Caps, at 15 cents.

Boys' Round Tweed Caps, 5 cents.

Boys' \$1.50 Hats, at 50 cents each.

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## Men's Working Shirts

All to clear at Fire Sale Prices. Men's Black Sateen and Black and White Stripe, were 50 cents. Fire sale price, 25 cents.

Men's Flannelette Shirts, at 25 cents.

Men's Moleskin Shirts, Grey, at 50 cents.

Boys' Shirts, were 75 cents, now 35 cents.

Men's Colored Dress Shirts, were \$1. Fire sale price, 50 cents.

Some of these were slightly damaged; others not hurt at all.

We must clear this store in a hurry; landlord wants it for repairs.

Nearly Half of the Roof of our building is burned. The owner of this property requires his building for repairs. In the event of a snowstorm it will necessitate us moving. We are determined to close out regardless of cost.

## OUR LOSS YOUR GAIN

Thirty salesmen to wait on the crowds. Our time is limited, so prices are to sell out fast.

## Men's Underwear

Men's All Wool, Mission Flannel Shirts and Drawers, Gold, Red and Blue, worth \$2 each. Fire sale price, \$1.37½ each.

50 Dozen Men's Gray Wool, Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, worth 50 cents each. Fire sale price, 25 cents.

Men's All Wool Shirts and Drawers, worth \$1.25. Fire sale price, 87½ cents.

Men's Fancy Striped Shirts and Drawers, worth 75 cents. Fire sale price, 37½ cents.

Men's Fancy Wool Shirts and Drawers, \$2 a Suit. Fire sale price, \$1 a Suit.

## Sweaters

Men's All Wool, Navy Fancy Kult Jerseys, worth \$2.50. Fire sale price, \$1.50.

Men's \$2 Sweaters, \$1.

Men's \$1 Sweaters, 50 cents.

Men's \$1.50 Sweaters, 75 cents.

A big sample line of Fancy Sweaters at half price.

## Bedspreads

There are a few odds and ends in this department only slightly soiled at bargains. Red Mixed, Solid White and Novelty Coloring, Fringed.

## Blankets

500 Pair at Bargain Prices. 5-Pound, All Wool Scarlet Blankets, all perfect, worth from \$5.75 to \$4. Fire sale price, \$3.

5-Pound, Gray Wool Blankets, regular, value \$3.50. Fire sale price, \$2 a pair. 5-Pound, Dark Gray Blankets, worth \$2.50 a pair. Fire sale price, \$1.25.

## Socks

Men's Heavy Wool Socks, 3 pair 25 cents.

Men's All Wool 25 cents Socks, 3 pair 25 cents.

Men's Natural Wool Socks, 2 pair 25 cents.

Men's Black Cashmere Socks, were 35 cents; now 20 cents.

## Umbrellas

Were wet but not hurt. Most all new, at Big Bargains.

## Suspenders

1,000 Pair at Half Price. 75 cent Braces, 35 cents. 50 cent Braces, 25 cents. Extra Hands for the Crowd.

## Mackintoshes

50 Men's Waterproof Coats, Velvet Collar, Double Texture, Plaid Lining, regular value, \$10. Fire sale price, \$3.90.

25 Suits Finished, Extra Quality Rain shape Mackintoshes, Velvet Collars, regular \$12.50. Fire sale price, \$6.25.

## Boys' Mackintoshes \$1.50

Men's Beaver Mackintoshes, Dark Blue; with Velvet Collars, Double Texture, Plaid Lining, regular value, \$10. Fire sale price, \$3.90.

50 Dozen Black Wool Socks, 12½ cents a pair.

## Neckties

2,000 To Be Slaughtered. Men's and Boys' Bow Clips, worth 25¢. Now at 12½ cents each.

The 75 cent Flowing Ends, Tecks and Four-in-Hands, at 35 cents.

The 50 cent Ties at 20 cents. White Lawn Bows, 5 cents.

Bargains in Silk and Fancy Handkerchiefs.

Men's White Cambric, 40 cents a dozen.

The Prices on This Stock Have Been Marked Down to Move the Goods Out in a Hurry at The Big Fire Sale.

Remember We Must Vacate for at Least Three Weeks in Order to Give the Landlord an opportunity to Make Necessary Repairs

# Army & Navy Clothing Store

117 Government St.

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## TONE UP FOR 1904

BY USING

Cochrane's Compound  
Syrup of HypophosphitesGenerally recognized one of the best  
tonics on the market. 100 doses for  
\$1.00.JOHN COCHRANE  
CHEMIST.

N. W. Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

E. J. WALL.



W. A. SMITH.

## Looking Over the Ground

Recently, we have come to the conclusion, and our customers have also decided, that Our Own Blend of Coffee is superior to any sold elsewhere. It is made from carefully selected and choice grades of new crops and roasted by the most approved process.

None of the fine aroma is lost. This coffee is strong, pure and delicious.

To realize the truth of this try a pound.

Windsor Grocery Co.,

Government St., opposite P. O.

THE ONLY GROCERS NOT IN A COMBINE.

W. JONES

Dominion Government Auctioneer.

As instructed by the Executors of the Estate

of the Late

John Black, Esq.

TO SELL

On premises known as Farm, situate on the Saanich road, about one-half mile past the Royal Oak Hotel and five and one-half miles from Victoria City.

Farm Stock and

Implements,

8 tons Oats, 20 tons

Hay and 7

loads of Straw

Thursday, Jan. 21st,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Seven Splendid Cows, Jerseys and Holsteins; 2 Good General Purpose Horses; Hay Wagons, 4-inch Tire, and Spring Wagons; 2 Seats; H. P. Threshing Machine; Almost New Deering Mower; Chain Cutter; Good Ploughs and Harrows; Dump Cart; Double and Single Harness; Sleigh; Cutters; Rollers; 80-Gallon Barrels; Double Blocks and Tackle; Large Furnace Pot; Blacksmiths' Carpenters' and Garden Tools, etc.

W. JONES, Auctioneer.

## NOTICE

Owing to the terrible calamity that has overtaken this city, caused through the wreck of the steamer *Clallam*,

the Auction Sale Advertised for Friday, 15th, at my rooms, is postponed until further notice

## WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 15.—5 a. m.—The pressure is high over the Pacific states and the Northwest Territories; an ocean storm area has developed off the northern coast of Vancouver Island and is causing cloudy and unsettled weather in this district; precipitation has been moderate on the coast, with snowfall at Kamloops. In the Northwest a low pressure area is central at Winnipeg; occasional snowfall has occurred and cold weather is general.

## Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Saturday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh easterly winds, becoming unsettled and cold, with rain or snow.

Lower Mainland—Moderate to fresh winds on Straits, unsettled and cold, with rain or snow.

## Reports.

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